

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**
Date: **May 26, 2020**

Acceptance of Wal-Mart Local Community Grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Mobile fingerprint identification systems are used by law enforcement entities to assist in the identification of suspects and/or individuals in the field without having to bring them to a facility with a more permanent fingerprint identification solution. This saves officers considerable time in the identification phase of any criminal investigation.

The Police Department obtained one of these systems under a State of Minnesota Grant about 15 years ago. The device ceased to operate properly a few years ago and the ability to fix the product was unattainable as support for the system long expired.

Recently, the State of Minnesota, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, has authorized a new product to be implemented and used by law enforcement in Minnesota. This product is from a local company in Bloomington with support just a phone call or short drive away. The company is called DataWorks and has several contracts with the State of Minnesota. We have worked with them in the past with very positive results.

The Police Department applied for, and was awarded a grant from the Wal-Mart Local Community Grant Program in the amount of \$3,000 for the purchase of the new product. We did apply for \$3,300.00 which would cover the entire cost, but unfortunately the total request was not awarded. The remaining \$300.00 can be covered either by forfeiture funds or out of our general operational budget.

Below is what this new device looks like:



FISCAL IMPACT:

		Amount
Fund:	101	\$300.00
Department:	42100	
Account:	TBD	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Through resolution, authorize the acceptance of the Wal-Mart Local Community Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be used to purchase a mobile fingerprint identification system.